

## Senate Resolution 290

By: Senators Islam Parkes of the 7th, Jones II of the 22nd, Jackson of the 41st, Mallow of the 2nd, Esteves of the 35th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the need for culturally competent risk assessment tools, targeted public health  
2 initiatives, and enhanced healthcare interventions; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, South Asian Americans are disproportionately affected by atherosclerotic  
4 cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), commonly known as heart disease, which manifests earlier  
5 in life, often before the age of 50, and in a more aggressive manner than in other populations;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, this increased risk of ASCVD is closely linked to a higher prevalence of type-2  
8 diabetes among South Asian Americans, underscoring the urgent need for targeted research  
9 and intervention within the State of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, risk assessment plays a fundamental role in reducing the incidence of heart  
11 disease, yet existing risk assessment algorithms are not developed based on data from South  
12 Asian Americans, failing to differentiate between native and migrant populations and  
13 masking critical health disparities among South Asian subgroups; and

14 WHEREAS, the absence of population-specific risk assessment tools results in inaccurate  
15 estimations of cardiovascular disease risk for South Asian Americans, leading to gaps in  
16 prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

17 WHEREAS, it is essential to develop and implement appropriate screening and management  
18 strategies for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease in South Asian Americans, taking into  
19 account hereditary predisposition, established coronary risk factors, and the impact of  
20 lifestyle choices such as diet and physical activity; and

21 WHEREAS, there is a demonstrable need for structured interventions at the state level to  
22 promote increased physical activity, encourage healthier dietary habits, and advance early  
23 recognition tools to improve cardiovascular outcomes for South Asian Americans; and

24 WHEREAS, improved standards of care, including the incorporation of advanced imaging  
25 and other diagnostic tools, are necessary to enhance the identification and management of  
26 heart disease within the South Asian American community.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize the urgent need for culturally competent risk assessment tools, targeted public  
29 health initiatives, and enhanced healthcare interventions to improve outcomes and save lives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
32 press.